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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
TIANANMEN SQUARE INCIDENT

11. LEAD STORIES: All Thursday morning papers led with Wednesday's ruling by Japan's Supreme Court declaring unconstitutional a legal clause stipulating that Japanese nationality is limited to children born to 'married' Japanese parents.

12. "Hope for Democratization through Olympics Evaporates" On the 19th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, a Beijing correspondent for the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri reported (6/5): "What echoes at the Tiananmen Square nowadays is the Hu administration's slogan calling for 'stability,' as well as 'Love Country' shouted by the Chinese people. The expectation which once prevailed at home and abroad that the Beijing Olympics will promote democratization in China appears to be disappearing."

13. "Monitoring Eased Ahead of Olympics" The business-oriented Nikkei wrote from Beijing (6/5): "On the eve of the Tiananmen incident anniversary, Chinese authorities appeared to ease their grip on civic activists and the families of the victims in order to head off the worsening of its image abroad ahead of the Beijing Olympic Games in August. However, the communist party's policy of clamping down on democratization forces remains unchanged. Beijing is also negative about reviewing its official position that the 1989 incident was a 'revolt by anti-revolutionary elements.'"

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